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In the Matter of)

CHIBARDUN TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.)
CTC TELCOM, INC.)

CC Docket No. 97-219

Petition for Preemption Pursuant to)
Section 253 of the Communications Act)
of Discriminatory Ordinances, Fees)
and Right-of-Way Practices of the)
City of Rice Lake, Wisconsin)

TO: The Commission

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Chibardun Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its subsidiary CTC Telcom, Inc. (collectively, Chibardun), by their attorney, hereby request an extension of time from Monday, December 22, 1997, to Tuesday, January 6, 1998, to submit their reply comments in the referenced proceeding.

By Order, dated November 17, 1997, the Bureau granted the City of Rice Lake (City) an extension of time from November 19, 1997 to December 2, 1997, to submit its opposing comments in this proceeding, and extended the filing date for reply comments from December 8, 1997 to December 22, 1997.

Chibardun opposed the City's extension request for several reasons. Chibardun remains convinced that this proceeding needs to be resolved early in 1998, so that construction and equipment contracts can be finalized prior to northwestern Wisconsin's 1998 construction season (which is expected to extend from May 1, 1998 to November 15, 1998) and so that telecommunications competition

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can commence in Rice Lake during 1998.

The granting of the City's extension request has pushed Chibardun's reply period back into the pre-Christmas and year-end periods. Chibardun did not want to file this request and has tried hard for the past week to avoid it. However, both Chibardun and other entities whose information or assistance it needs to complete its reply comments have been short-staffed and very busy during the last two weeks. Chibardun has this afternoon realized that it simply cannot obtain everything that it needs on or before Monday, December 22, 1997, in order to complete and file its desired reply comments on that date.

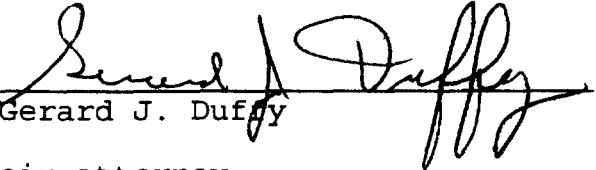
Under ordinary circumstances, Chibardun would request an extension of one week until December 29, 1997. However, it expects to continue encountering many of the same problems contacting people and obtaining documents and information, during Christmas week and New Year's week; and therefore is requesting an extension of a little more than two weeks until Tuesday, January 6, 1998. It is Chibardun's information and belief that this extension will not materially delay the resolution of this proceeding, particularly because some of the Commission personnel handling it will be out of the office or busy on other matters during significant portions of the requested additional period.

Chibardun has contacted counsel for the City of Rice Lake (City) and for GTE Service Corporation (GTE) regarding this extension request. Counsel for GTE has indicated his consent to the January 6, 1998 reply date, while counsel for the City

indicated that she wil consult with her client.

WHEREFORE, good cause having been shown, Chibardun respectfully requests an extension of time until January 6, 1998, to submit reply comments in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,
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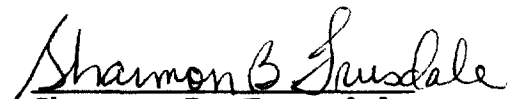
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